

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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December 7, 2004

FROM: PETER R. HILLS, Fire Chief/Fire Warden
San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT, COUNTY SERVICE AREA 70, COUNTY SERVICE AREA 38 AND THE CITY OF ADELANTO FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the governing body of the San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District, County Service Area 70 and County Service Area 38 (County Fire), approve Agreement No. 04-___ with the City of Adelanto whereby County Fire provides fire protection services, fire prevention, fire investigation, and emergency medical services, to the City of Adelanto covering the period beginning July 1, 2004, for an initial term of ten (10) years, or until mutually terminated, in the amount of \$1,585,764 per fiscal year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Originally, on August 17, 1999, the Board of Supervisors approved a five (5) year Agreement, in the amount of \$1,165,395 per fiscal year, with the City of Adelanto. Under the terms of the Agreement, County Fire agreed to provide fire protection services, including fire, rescue, advanced life support (ALS/Paramedic), hazardous materials response, community safety, fire prevention services and dispatch/communication services to the City of Adelanto effective July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2004.

The City of Adelanto determined that County Fire continues to be the most efficient and cost effective provider of fire protection services for the community. Subsequently, on October 27, 2004, the City approved an Agreement covering the period beginning July 1, 2004, for an initial term of 10 years, with a new annual cost amount set at \$1,585,764. The Agreement amount has been increased due to inflationary factors and represents the first increase in five years. Under the proposed Fire Protection Services Agreement, County Fire will provide fire protection services, fire prevention, fire investigation, fire suppression, rescue, advance life support ("ALS"), hazardous materials, and household hazardous waste services to the City of Adelanto. The City of Adelanto agrees to lease to County Fire real property, together with the fixtures and furnishings, fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment for the sum of \$1 per year for the duration of this Agreement on the terms detailed in the Agreement. County Fire will provide all routine utility, maintenance and operating costs. The City of Adelanto will be responsible for all major structural repairs and/or replacements and all major apparatus and equipment repairs as defined in the Agreement. County Fire will annually review staffing levels and has the right to renegotiate the rate of services performed under this Agreement. The City of Adelanto will be responsible for any future Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and/or Compensation Plan salary/benefit increases that may occur during the term of the Agreement. Either party may terminate the Agreement by giving written notice at least three hundred sixty-five (365) days before the effective date of termination.

The existing Agreement expired on June 30, 2004; however, was continued on a holdover basis until the negotiations for a new Agreement were completed. Contract negotiations with the City were on-going for an extended period due to the uncertainty of the State Budget with respect to its impact upon the City of Adelanto. After the signed contracts were received from the City of Adelanto, December 7, 2004 was the next practical date for approval subsequent to the completion of the review process. The retroactive coverage is necessary to continue these services without interruption.

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Approval of this recommendation will authorize an Agreement between County Fire and the City of Adelanto whereby County Fire will provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the City covering the period beginning July 1, 2004, for an initial term of ten years.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel (L. Thomas Krahelski, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5436) on November 12, 2004 and the County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst, 387-5409) on November 24, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Under the terms of the Agreement, County Fire will provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the City of Adelanto for an initial term of 10 years covering the period beginning July 1, 2004, for consideration in the amount of \$1,585,764 for each fiscal year (\$132,147 monthly). Revenue and appropriations for costs related to providing the City of Adelanto fire protection services are included in the County Fire CSA 38 FY 2004/05 budget (SGP 290 323 9800) accordingly.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW STATEMENT: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this Agenda item, concurs with the Department's approval and recommends this action on the basis that the related costs for the fire protection services Agreement will be paid for by the City of Adelanto. No impact to the County General Fund.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): First

PRESENTER: Peter R. Hills 387-5948

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